



Delaware Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2020

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$142,240
Cooperative Forestry	\$283,400
Forest Health Management	\$73,000
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$0
Total	\$498,640

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

Key Issues

- Forest Health and Functionality: A sufficient, healthy forestland base ensures the perpetual productions of forest outputs.
- Forest Markets: Adequate and diverse forest markets are available to landowners to satisfy the goals for their property.
- Sustainable Forest Management: Delawareans must sustainably manage their rural and urban forests.
- Public Awareness and Appreciation of Forests: Delawareans must understand and appreciate the importance of forests and forest management.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	897,934	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	1,577
Acres of Forest Land	358,857	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	1,508
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	325,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	1,323
Number of NIPF Landowners	55,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	50
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	62
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	557,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	54	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	57	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	54
Forest Based Employment	1,852	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	525,813
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	3,195
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	1,629,300		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Anthraxnose and other foliar diseases increased as a result of higher-than-average precipitation in 2019. Emerald ash borer was found on five purple panel traps in New Castle County, and emerald ash borer larvae were found on dying trees in one western Sussex County location. Spotted lanternfly adults were found this fall in many locations in northern New Castle County, in contrast to the previous year, when only one adult had been found in the state.

Forest Stewardship

The Delaware Forest Service assists private landowners in all aspects of forest management, ranging from tree planting and timber stand improvement to long-term management plans. The Delaware Forest Service (DFS) supervised the planting of 277,050 seedlings on a total of 214 acres of private land. One 157-acre site was hardwood afforestation and three sites (57 acres) were pine reforestation. The DFS also assists landowners on stewardship planning. State service foresters prepared 16 stewardship plans for properties in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties, which included management goals and prescriptions for 1,323 acres of land.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Delaware Forest Service provided more than \$110,000 for 29 tree projects throughout the state as part of the annual grant program to community organizations to promote tree canopy planting projects. The Urban and Community Forestry program held the 9th Annual Delaware Arborist and Tree Care Seminar in the fall of 2019. Over 140 attendees learned about current tree pests and diseases that threaten our region. Attendees also learned about treatment options and proper tree care techniques. The event featured a drone presentation on the use of this technology in tree assessment.



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